

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 18, 2014

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 - 2014 UPDATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION LONG RANGE PLAN

ISSUE: 2014 update to the Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) review the draft update of the 2014 LRP.

DISCUSSION: As part of its responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) that identifies the City's long-range transportation needs, the Commission first adopted an LRP in April 2010. The LRP is an unconstrained list of all transportation related capital projects, programs and studies identified in City plans and policies. Projects on the LRP have no identified funding source. Once projects on the LRP receive partial or full funding, they are moved from the unconstrained LRP to the City's CIP.

Each year the Transportation Commission updates the LRP transportation projects, programs and studies from plans adopted since the last update and additional projects not captured in the previous LRP.

At the May 21, 2014 Commission meeting, staff introduced the proposed additions and deletions to the 2014 LRP Update. The updates include the following project additions:

- Two proposed circulator routes, based on recommendations in the DASH Comprehensive Operations Analysis;
- A new bridge over Sanger Avenue at I-495 to better accommodate future Bus Rapid Transit and non-motorized users; and
- A new Holmes Run trail bridge

In addition, two projects are proposed to be moved from the "Programs" list to the "Projects" list, including:

- Mt. Vernon Avenue at East/West Glebe Road intersection improvements;
- Redesign intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Four Mile Road

Finally, staff is proposing to remove the "Programs" element of the LRP since these programs

are now generally covered through the City's Complete Streets program. Staff requested that the Commission members individually score / prioritize the LRP project list. At its June 18, 2014 meeting, the full Commission will review the priorities for the new projects.

A public hearing on the LRP update will be held during the July 16, 2014 Commission meeting, and a recommendation on the LRP update is anticipated following the public hearing.

ATTACHMENT: Draft 2014 LRP and Scoring Criteria